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FROST ENDANGERS CEREAL CROPS IN HUNGARY; SPARE PARTS, SEED SHORTAGES DELAY FIELD WORK

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES THREATEN CROPS -- Budapest, Nepszava, 20 Mar 53

Also appeared in Szabad Nep, Esti Budapest, and Magyar Nemzet./

The recent nightly frosts and warm days have created soil conditions which threaten to tear the roots of winter cereal crops. To counteract the tensions created by the extremes of temperature, these crops should be rolled immediately.

BARTER FOOD FOR TRACTOR PARTS -- Munich, Hungaria, 27 Mar 53

Panicky directors of machine tractor stations which have been unable to repair tractors because of a lack of spare parts have taken matters into their own hands. Knowing that no help is forthcoming from the ministry, and afraid of being branded reactionary, the directors are sending their supply men directly to the machine factories. Armed with bacon, sausage, wine, etc., the supply men approach the workers and offer to trade food for machine parts. Party organizations at the Voros Csillag Traktorgyar (Red Star Tractor Plant) were alarmed to find the laborers working for the barterers rather than completing the plan, and they have forbidden the supply men to enter the plant premises.

Breakdowns are particularly frequent on tractors of Soviet make. The machine tractor stations of Gyor-Sopron Megye have 11 Stalinets tractors, seven of which are out of commission because broken parts are irreplaceable. Many Hungarian tractors are unusable also because it is impossible to replace the run-down batteries.

Spring field work is delayed further by the shortage of seed. Although the USSR promised to send 100 carloads of bread grain seed, only 50 carloads arrived; much of the seed was unusable because it had been stored improperly and was already sprouting.

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CLAIMS FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE EPIDEMIC WIDESPREAD -- Munich, Hungaria, 27 Mar 53

Miklos Feher, veterinarian of the Szokepuszta state farm in Komarom Megye, was brought to trial and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for abusing his profession. He broke down under questioning and admitted that foreign radio broadcasts had influenced him to such an extent that he had deliberately spread foot-and-mouth disease by giving the cattle improper medication and by ordering that infected animals and healthy animals drink from the same trough.

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Actually, Feber has been made a dramatic scapegoat to hide the fact that a widespread epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease is raging in Hungary.

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